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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training (General)

FROM: Chief, Programs Division

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the week of 9-15 January 1953

1. Twenty-four hours before the deadline, offices sofar have submitted about 15 names of persons that desire to attend the summer session on the USSR at the SAIS.

2. Several inquiries made regarding programs announced in the recent memorandum telling of the five overseas training programs.

3. A good many calls now are coming from offices which apparently are preparing requests for academic training programs during the spring semester.

✓ 4. The Chief of the Cartographic Branch (ORR?) has indicated that he may submit an inquiry to the DTR regarding the possibility of organizing an elementary Russian language course limited in scope to meeting the need to give cartographers and other map-users, an ability to read Russian maps. This request grows out of a suggestion that I made as an alternative to the original intent of enrolling individuals in an elementary Russian course at the Department of Agriculture. It is my feeling that a course along these lines might be of value and interest to a number of persons in other components of the Agency. I have discussed this tentatively with

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